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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When Haliburton accountant Hugh Nichol crunched all the numbers and came up with the final fundraising figure of \$6-million, some skeptics told him that the people of Haliburton County could never raise that much money, no matter how good the cause.

But as chairman of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Nichol not only believed in the community, he also believed in the project - upgrading Hyland Crest and adding a new emergency department in Minden as well as upgrading the Haliburton Hospital to accommodate 13 acute care beds and adding a 30-bed long-term care unit.

The entire project would cost \$19.8 million and the province had to be convinced that the county could commit to its share: \$6 million. It was the largest fundraising campaign anyone in the Highlands had even dared to contemplate.

But Nichol and fellow HHHS members held firm.

"We couldn't afford not to do it," he says. Without modern healthcare facilities, Haliburton County would not be able to thrive and prosper. Not only would people not want to move here but our older residents would have to move elsewhere because of the lack of adequate facilities.

Yesterday, Nichol presented the HHHS Foundation with a cheque for \$100 to ceremonial-

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Haliburton's idol

In a competition that was as friendly as it was tough, West Guilford singing sensation Lauren Snelgrove was named Haliburton Idol on Friday night. There were eight other girls vying for the title in this fundraiser for SIRCH. For details see story on page 3.

Walling pulls out of election race

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

On election night 2006, federal Liberal candidate Greg Walling was cheered when he

announced that he wouldn't give up trying to unseat Conservative MP Barry Devolin.

But with another federal election predicted for later this year, Walling says his priorities lie

with his new workplace and young family.

On Thursday Walling announced he would not be seeking the Liberal nomination

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Cat's death blamed on food

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Marie Gage is still trying to pick up the pieces.

In less than one week she watched the health of her nine-year-old cat, Keesha, deteriorate rapidly and aggressively, and now she wants others in Haliburton County to learn from her ordeal.

"I don't want anyone else going through this," she says, fighting to hold back tears less than an hour after having Keesha put down. "I just want people to know that this is now a local issue, so they need to know whether the food they are feeding their pets is safe or not."

As far as local vets know, Keesha is the first animal in Haliburton County to become sick after ingesting tainted pet food. The food, which was sold locally under the brand name President's Choice, is one of close to 90 varieties of cat and dog food that have been recalled across North America.

The recall was first issued on March 19 by Menu Foods, a Mississauga-based company that produces pet food for large companies such as Iams, Eukanuba, Nutro, and Priority Canada, as well as grocery store discount brands such as Compliments, Price Chopper, and President's Choice.

The company issued the recall after receiving reports that some varieties of their "cuts and gravy" style pet foods - in both cans and pouches - might be contaminated with an unknown substance. Since that time, investigations have pinpointed the contaminant as aminopterin, a toxin

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Cat's health declines quickly

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used to kill rats in some countries, though the company is still unsure as to how it ended up in their foods.

It's not yet known how many animals across Canada and the United States have fallen ill from eating the contaminated food. When ingested, the poison causes severe kidney failure, which can be extremely difficult for veterinarians to treat. As a result, Gage is asking all local pet owners to err on the side of caution rather than risk the lives of their pets.

"Even if their animal isn't showing signs, people need to find out what kind of food it is on," she says. "People need to look at the list of recalled foods and get their pets off of it immediately. I keep having people telling me that their cat isn't showing signs but I can tell you, by the time they do show signs it will be too late."

Gage says her cat first displayed signs of illness a week from last Saturday, when it began vomiting.

"At first I just assumed she had some sort of a virus

but after a few days when she wasn't eating or drinking much at all I decided to take her to the vet."

"They diagnosed her with major kidney failure. We tried using IV fluids for three days in a row, to see whether that would kick-start the kidneys again, but her kidney function was continuing to decline. There seemed to be no hope that things were going to turn around. She seemed unhappy, so we decided the only thing we could do was put her down."

Although the food was purchased from a local retailer, Gage says she doesn't hold a grudge against the store, only the company that shattered her trust as a consumer by putting her pet at such a needless risk. "It's the people who manufactured the food and didn't have the proper quality control in place," she says.

Gage knows that local veterinarians did all that they could to save Keesha, but says she still wishes that the company would have come forward with treatment options and examples of what has worked for other animals affected by the poison.

"The company that caused this to happen has put all kinds of resources into telling people what food not to use, yet hasn't put any resources or efforts into helping people who have ill animals," she adds. "They need to take responsibility and start making protocols for treatment."

Dr. Nikolai Davis of Haliburton Veterinarian Services says that, unfortunately, treatment options for renal failure are limited in scope. Often the damage is irreversible, which means pet owners should be extra cautious over the coming weeks in order to avoid life-threatening complications in their pets.

"There are good odds of a pet dying if it has kidney failure, so this recall is very serious," says Davis. "For now, it might be a good idea to feed pets only dry food, or otherwise, if you have to feed them wet, then maybe try to stay away from the affected brands."

Both the Haliburton IGA and Independent grocery stores confirmed on Friday that their shelves had been cleared of any products identified in the recall notice. Jaime Polley, grocery manager at Todd's Independent, says his staff removed a "fair amount" of pet food from their shelves, including all Iams packets as well as their house brand President's Choice.

Bob Park, general manager at Haliburton's IGA, says the same is true for his store, though they were fortunate in that they only had one of the affected brands on their shelves at the time of the recall.

"We had only one variety and it was immediately removed from the shelf," he says. "If anyone phones who purchased that brand, we've just told them to bring it back and we will refund their money."

Meanwhile, Charles McAleaney, owner of the Great Haliburton Feed Co., says his store has actually picked up a few new customers since the recall was issued, due to the fact that they haven't sold any of the affected brands for several years.

"We were very fortunate. One of the main ones hit was Iams, and we used to carry them up until only five or six years ago," he says. "Now our niche is high-end foods, and we carry mostly Canadian-made food, so



Keesha the cat was a beloved member of the Gage family. Marie Gage, seated on left, had to put the cat down on Friday after it suffered renal failure, brought on, it's believed, by eating some of the tainted food that has since been recalled.

that was a real bonus in this crisis. I just had a salesman from one of our suppliers call me and he assured me that we have no concerns."

Though the company in question – Menu Foods – is based out of Mississauga, three of its four factories are based in the United States. Originally it was suspected that the contamination occurred at two of those American facilities between December 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007, but in recent days the company has now called for a total recall of all its wet food product as a safety precaution.

Concerned consumers should visit www.menufoods.com/recall for the most up-to-date list of brands affected by pet food recall. For those who don't have internet access, the company has also set up a toll-free hotline at 1-866-895-2708.

During a press conference last Friday, Menu Foods CEO Paul Henderson said the company would take responsibility for its actions by covering any medical bills related to the recall.

"If we can identify the cause of expenses incurred and they prove to be related to the tainted food, Menu will take responsibility," Henderson told reporters.

However, for those who have lost pets, the issue is about more than just veterinary bills, it's about losing a friend, companion, and member of the family.

"I'm still in shock. Pets are part of the family and it's pretty tough to let them go," she says. "I don't yet know if it's an error I can forgive or not. We all make mistakes, and mistakes cost other people sometimes, but I think if the company had of been out there trying to help treat these animals then I would have felt differently."

Don't use these brands

The following is a partial list of pet food brands affected by the Menu Foods recall: America's Choice (Preferred Pets), Authority, Award, Best Choice, Big Bet, Big Red, Bloom, Cadillac, Companion, (Our) Compliments, Demoulas Market Basket, Eukanuba, Fine Feline Cat, Food Lion, Foodtown, Giant Companion, Great Choice, Hannaford, Hill Country Fare, Hy-Vee, Iams, Laura Lynn, Li'l Red, Loving Meals, Meijer's Main Choice, Mighty Dog Pouch, Mixables, Nutriplan, various Nutro brands, Paws, Pet Essentials, Pet Pride, President's Choice, Price Chopper, Publix, Roche Brothers, Save-A-Lot Special Blend, Schnucks, Science Diet Feline Savory Cuts Cans, Shep Dog, Sophisticat, Special Kitty, Springfield Prize, Sprout, Stater Brothers, Stop & Shop Companion, Tops Companion, Wegmans, Weis Total Pet, White Rose, and Your Pet.

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Haliburton Idol

All singers win their way into audience's heart

JESSICA YOUNG
Staff Reporter

It was an emotional night for Lauren Snelgrove as she took centre stage to sing her celebratory tune "Song For Canada." Her final song choice in the Haliburton Idol competition was undoubtedly moving, and by the last chorus, many people in the audience were in tears.

But the crowd burst into applause last Friday night at the Delta Pinestone when it was announced that the talented 12-year-old nabbed the prestigious title.

"It feels really good. I'm happy but sad for the other contestants. They were great singers," says the front-runner.

The young star, who began singing at age three and played the lead in last month's Annie Jr., received numerous hugs and words of congratulations after her big win.

"I am an extremely proud mom. It's so exciting and we're really proud of her," said Wendy, Lauren's mom.

Audience members were drawn to Wendy like a magnet after the show to congratulate the beaming mother. Lauren's father, Rob, was equally elated by the results.

"Lauren's amazing. She never really practises at home all that much. I'm kind of surprised by all of this. Thank the Lord she had a good day," he said. "They were all pretty close. It makes me wonder, where does her singing talent come from? Not from me. It must be her mom."

Lauren made it past the first cut along with fellow contestants Kyla Bryant, Lindsey Hawley, Kelsey Crowe, Michah Wilson and Katrina Chvedukas. During the final round, Katrina, Michah and Lauren



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Lauren Snelgrove gets a big hug from her sister Lindsey and congrats from fan Pat Bain after winning the Haliburton Idol competition Friday night at Delta Pinestone. "I think she's amazing," Lindsey said. "I've never heard her sing like that."

remained the last ones standing as idol hopefuls.

As with Canadian Idol, the audience members vote who determined who would be the first idol of the county. Contestants had a choice of singing a song from the Beatles, a ballad or a box-office hit.

Katrina sang the popular hit "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston for her final performance, garnering praise from the judges during the final round.

"That was truly wonderful. You get more powerful as the night goes on," said Moose FM judge Anne Creelman.

Singing *a cappella*, Michah belted out the Dixie Chicks tune "Not Ready To Make Nice." Throughout the competition, judges Creelman, popular local musician Kris Kadwell, and Tom Regina, head of music at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, commented on the youngsters' evident talent.

"You are well beyond your years," said Kadwell.

In her first three impressive performances, Lauren shone the brightest with her breathtaking rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

"I appreciate the dynamic performance," said Regina. Creelman told Lauren and the audience that she had her eyes closed during the entire song.

"It was beautiful," she said.

Unfortunately there's only room for one Haliburton Idol, but for Katrina and Michah, the position of runner-up doesn't discourage them one bit.

"I think my performance went really well, better than I practised at home. I feel really good about where I placed," said Katrina.

Katrina and Michah both aspire to be professional singers, so keep a lookout because the pair say they'll be back next year for another shot at the title.

Emcee Michael Jaycock and the judges enthusiastically praised the three finalists as well as Kelsey Crowe, Kyla Bryant, Lauren Dixon, Lindsey Hawley, Miranda Lauricella and Maddie Robinson for their participation.

"You are fabulous people," said Jaycock.

Jaycock also mentioned that despite it being a competition, there really were no losers in the event. Tickets for the event helped raise money for SIRCH, an organization aimed at providing community support.

As for Lauren, her dazzling delivery on stage not only earned her the title of Haliburton Idol, but she will also have a three-song demo produced and recorded by Diamond Ditty Music, a makeover and image consultation, a professional photo shoot and air play on Canoe FM.

All the prizes that come with being the winner will definitely help Lauren achieve her goal of recording an album. "Recording an album has been in the works for a couple of years," says Lauren's mom Wendy. "It's been on her plate as something she wants to do while she's young."

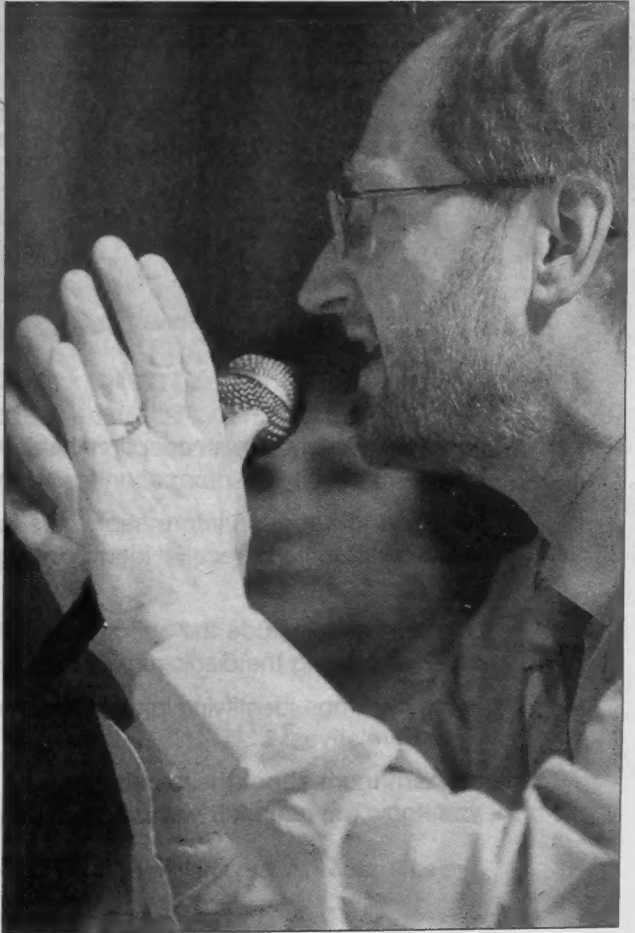
And there will be no stopping Lauren now.



Katrina Chvedukas was a top three finalist after a compelling performance of Somewhere Over The Rainbow.



Michah Wilson amazed the crowd with her powerful pipes on such songs as Lady Madonna and Not Ready To Make Nice.



Judge Tom Regina joined Anne Creelman and Kris Kadwell in giving support and guidance to the Idol hopefuls.

With an election a year, it's hard for candidate to commit: Walling

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for the next election, but he did not rule out a return to politics.

Walling is one of the founders of StarChoice satellite television. When he sold that business he established a consulting company called the Sullivan Group at his home base of Lindsay. His mandate is to help struggling businesses find their way again.

Eight months ago, he was appointed president and CEO of FisherCast Global, formerly known as FisherGage. The Peterborough-based company is a zinc and magnesium diecaster and employs 350 people.

Walling says he owes it to the company, its employees and the local economy to devote his attention to his new job rather than take three months off to wage a federal election campaign.

As well, he has two young sons, aged five and 10, and

he was not prepared to commute from Ottawa on weekends or uproot his family and move them to Ottawa.

"For me not to run is personally difficult," he says in a telephone interview. "My heavy heart is that [winning the riding for the Liberals] is a job not done."

"You don't get things like StarChoice done unless you put your head down and do what no one else has done."

However, he says, it's one thing to mount a campaign every four years; it's another to have to do it once a year.

Unless you're retired or can afford the time and money to take two to three months off a year, it's a daunting challenge to enter politics, Walling says. He's worried that, while a minority government is in place, with the constant risk of another election being called, becoming a candidate will be reserved for "an elite group."

When he put his name forward for the last election, Walling says he might have been "a bit naïve about the



Walling says he must commit himself to running a company that employs 350 people and his young family.

time commitment." He and his family have strong ties to Lindsay and feel very much a part of the community. His young family would have to give that up for him to pursue his political aspirations.

"These are the years in my boys' lives," he says.

Asked what advice he'd give his successor, Walling pauses. He says he made mistakes when dealing with the media, giving them long, explanatory answers only to see the most attention-grabbing quotes make it into the story.

"I'm a circular thinker and you can't do that in politics," he says. "You need a quick, simple response. You have to be concise in your thoughts and clear."

He's hoping that many members of the team he built for the last election will stay with whoever succeeds him. He's also hoping that the new candidate is given time before having to mount a campaign.

"I don't know why the Prime Minister wants an election now but I have a lot of admiration for Stéphane Dion. I think Canadians will be impressed with the new Liberal leader as they get to know him."

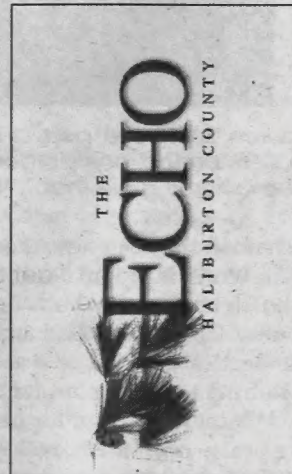


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First Liberal comes forward

Retired principal committed to principles of Stéphane Dion

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Marlene White says there's an easy way to learn how to best represent the people of this riding: talk to them.

The retired elementary principal is the first person to be "greenlighted" by the Liberal Party of Canada as a potential candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

After spending her career in the Burlington area and retiring to Apsley, on the eastern-most border of the riding, she recognizes that she must work hard to get to know what matters to people in such a far-flung riding. She is setting up a team with representatives from all areas within the riding to help her become more aware of important issues.

"My intent is to get out and meet people," she said in a telephone interview.

As a principal she dealt with a large budget, planning and goal-setting, all experiences that can help her in her quest to be the Liberal candidate in the next federal election. "I think all of these skills will bode well for me as I take these steps forward."

Another experience that will serve her well is her attempt last November to be elected as the trustee for North Kawartha, Galway, Cavendish, Harvey, Smith, Ennismore, Lakefield, Douro and Dummer. Although she lost to the incumbent on the Kawartha Pine Ridge Board of Education, she learned a lot during the process.

"Sometimes when you try something for the first time it's a big learning curve," she says.

As a Liberal, she is committed to the principles of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion. "He is going to bring a new look to the party. I certainly believe in his environmental policy," she says, also citing her belief in his policies on healthcare, education and social justice.

As a resident of a rural community, she also believes that the Liberals are best suited to help bring jobs and



Marlene White, the first person in the riding to be accepted as a Liberal nominee, points to her home near Apsley on a map. The retired elementary teacher plans to get out and meet as many people as possible over the next few weeks.

prosperity to the riding. People who live here want to keep their jobs and they also want to know there are jobs that attract young families.

So far no other candidate has stepped forward to challenge her bid for the riding nomination. However, riding president Andrew Flynn is optimistic that there will be a race to replace Greg Walling as the Liberals' standard-bearer in the next election.

Riding association sends out a search party for next Liberal candidate

Even before Greg Walling announced that he would not be putting his name forward as the Liberal hopeful in the next federal election, the local riding association had begun its search for the perfect candidate.

Under new party rules, each riding association must undertake a "diligent candidate search," says Andrew Flynn, president of the federal Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal Riding Association.

That search began by asking Walling, who carried the Liberal banner for the first time in 2006, if he intended to run again. On Wednesday night, Walling announced that his commitment to his family and his new job would have to take precedence over his desire to unseat Conservative MP Barry Devolin.

Flynn says that as Walling's contemporary he has to accept Walling's decision. "This Liberal understands exactly where Greg is coming from. I can't fault him," Flynn said on Thursday afternoon.

The riding association has formed a candidate search party. Its job will be to find people, whether in this riding or beyond its boundaries, who would represent the riding the best.

Asked to describe the perfect candidate, Flynn said he or she must be well respected in their community and willing to be the riding's Member of Parliament for the right reasons. "Public service is about serving the whole riding," he said.

The candidate must also be committed to Liberal leader Stéphane Dion's vision of Canada: sustainable development, economic growth and social justice.

People can also put their own name forward but they must first be vetted by the Liberal Party of Canada's Ontario wing. All prospective candidates must fill out a lengthy questionnaire before being allowed to have their name stand for the nomination.

"I'd like to see a real race [for the nomination]," he says. "It builds interest, builds memberships." He wants a "respectful" nomination race. "I don't want any mudslinging. We're all Liberals here." M.P.

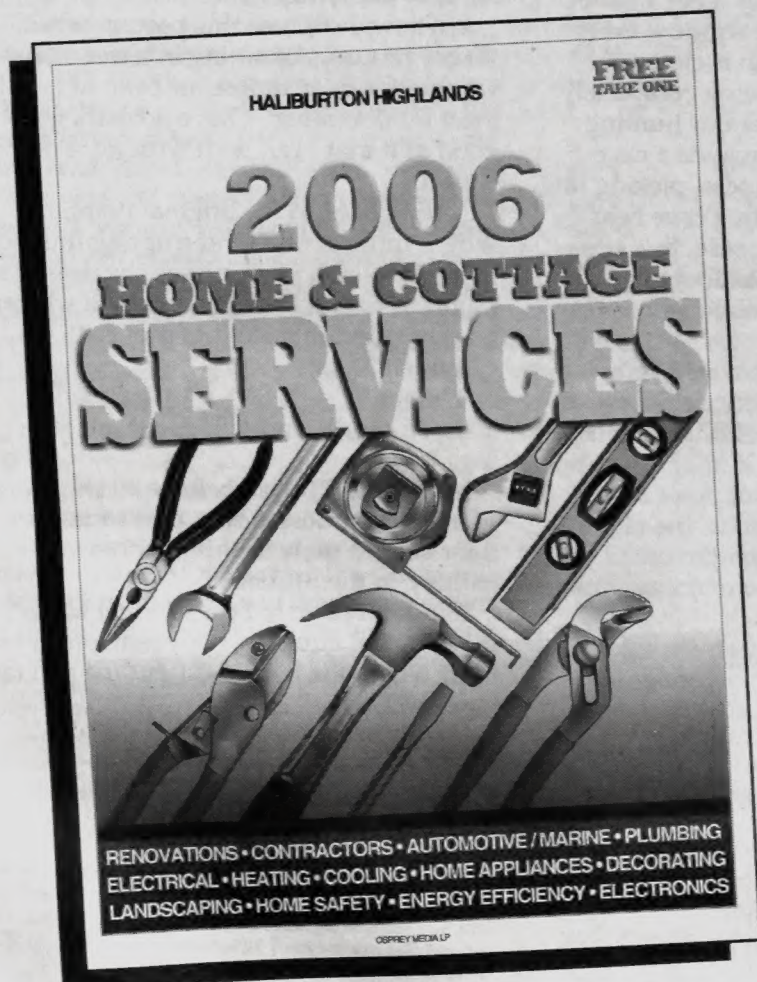
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A proud moment

There was a certain quaintness to arriving at the Haliburton Hospital in the middle of the night and pushing a doorbell to be granted access. But quaintness wasn't what you wanted when you had an emergency in the hospital's off hours. You wanted help fast. Urgently pushing a doorbell didn't quite do it.

It's hard to remember just how far we've come since the community pledged to raise \$6 million to build and enhance local healthcare facilities. That's because it's taken 10 long years to reach this point of celebration. This week marks the official completion of the \$6 million capital campaign but the facilities have been here long enough for us to take them for granted.

There were points along the way when it seemed the goal wouldn't be reached. Couldn't be reached. Hadn't we fundraised enough already? Could people give any more? Wasn't it the same people going to the same fundraising

events year after year? Not only was there donor fatigue but once the doors to the new facilities were open it was easier to forget that the community had not yet paid its share of the \$19.8 million cost.

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But no one ever really gave up, least of all the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. It was formed shortly after the Ministry of Health gave its blessings for the project. Instead of setting up a fundraising committee, HHHS board chair Hugh Nichol pushed for the Foundation's creation instead. He knew that there would be the constant need for equipment and improvements long after the buildings were paid for, especially since the HHHS had already had to cut certain expenditures on its construction wish list to bring the construction costs below \$20 million. The Foundation would be responsible for raising the original \$6 million and then it could raise money for all the things the new healthcare facilities would need.

There were two trains of thought on how the money could be raised. One was that every property owner in Haliburton County take a one-time hit on their property taxes. It would spread the burden equally among property owners. But did the Foundation have the right to expect every property owner would be a willing participant, especially since two-thirds of them used their property only part of year? The other train of thought was that you needed donors who were committed to the cause. By having to raise the money for the healthcare expansion projects, people would appreciate those facilities more.

That's a debate that will never be won. The Foundation would be further along in its equipment fundraising had it not taken so long to pay off the capital debt but who knows how people would have reacted to being forced to contribute through property taxes?

What matters is that this community pulled together. It didn't give up faith in the project and it didn't stop digging into its pockets to give to one more fundraising event.

Looking back, the Foundation doesn't want to single out any individual donors because whether you bought a plate of cookies at a fundraising bake sale or donated \$130,000 in shares, all contributions were welcome and appreciated. However, this space can once again be used to point out one of the most significant ironies of the campaign: the person who donated the most amount of money was a person who lived his life to the least. The late Herb Hoffman, who rode around the village of Haliburton on his antiquated bicycle and shopped at the Lily Ann, bequeathed his entire estate to the Foundation, \$220,000. Is it a coincidence that after this became known there was a spike in donations?

So raise a toast to Herb Hoffman but praise each and every person who donated in any way to the cause. Congratulations. We did it.



Royal rendez-vous

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Sloth envy

THE OTHER DAY I was reading about a team of experienced scientists who could not get a mature sloth to move no matter what they did. I'm not sure why it was so important that the sloth be moved - perhaps it was lying down on their periodic table - but I do know that this is a problem that every outdoorsman's wife has dealt with at one time or another. I myself have also encountered this problem at deer camp on more than one occasion.

First of all, let me just make this much clear: when an outdoorsman is found sitting sloth-like, it is not because he is lazy or trying to avoid housework. No, it is because he is practising immobility.

Generally, this is similar to what a mannequin does in a storefront window except, it's hoped, the outdoorsman is clothed.

There was a time when being completely immobile was important for our hunting and gathering ancestors. Imagine a cave man minding his own business, picking nits behind a big rock. Suddenly, a cave bear decides to rest on the other side. In a situation like this, our ancient outdoorsman might find it prudent to remain still for several hours.

Even if the cave bear discovered him, somewhere along the line the outdoorsman probably learned that it was smart to play dead - yet another form of immobility. And though playing dead did not deter cave bears from eating their victims, the fact that adult loin clothes hadn't been invented yet probably did. In any case, remaining immobile worked like a charm.

Even now, some of us have a stronger immobility instinct and we naturally fall back upon it when being threatened. For

instance, yesterday my wife walked into my office bearing a vacuum cleaner and feather duster. I immediately adopted an immobile stance. Unfortunately, she picked me out from the lineup of fly rods on the far wall -

I have put on a few pounds over the winter - and soon I was wishing a cave bear would appear and put me out of my misery. Not that I think a cave bear could take my wife in a fair fight.

Which reminds me, the flip side of that stance was that a hunter also used it while lying in wait. Look, I know some people with grammatical tendencies might say it is lying in wait, but the fact is, this is not the case. No, whenever hunters wait for any period of time at

all, they are lying.

Anyway, I still use this posture when turkey hunting, or sitting in a tree stand waiting for deer, moose, or bear. In fact, like most outdoorsmen, I have actually got so good at it that I can do it with my eyes closed.

Getting back to the original point, my wife is quite good at interrupting immobility, so here are a few phrases she uses that might be useful to those scientists who are hoping to get that sloth to move.

"Lunch!"

"Dinner."

"Let's cuddle and talk about our feelings."

And, lastly, "I can't believe all those young stewardesses who moved in next door are out there in this weather sunbathing in their bikinis."

You don't have to be a scientist to see that it's all about equal and opposite reactions. Now where the heck did I put the sun tan lotion...?

the not so great



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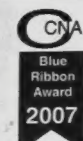
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Tough old birds

THE HOUSE LOOKED DREADFUL. Actually, Denise wasn't sure it even was a house. As they drove past, she turned her head to have a better look before the old place was out of sight.

A wooden box with barely a scrap of paint left on its weathered sides, the building stood above ground on cement blocks, the air clearly visible under all four sides. It huddled near the top of a barren hill with not a hint of green, or comfort anywhere. A single cloudy window stared down at the road.



sharon
lynch

down
our
road

As Denise and Mark drove by, three people gathered at the roadside in front of the old house followed the car with their eyes. One of the three stood inside a pathetic wooden fence, two large horses tugging on a bale of hay nearby. He looked as though he might have lived in the shack, his clothes the washed-out grey of many years; his face as weathered as the building. A younger couple, wearing dishevelled and mismatched clothes stood in front of their small car. The back window

had been substituted for a garbage bag taped in place.

"How can people live like that?" Denise wondered aloud, returning her gaze to the road ahead.

"Oh, they don't live there," replied Mark. "It's just for the horses now. There used to be an old woman living there by herself. Once in a while you'd see her outside in a big brown coat that was all patched up. Her family would drop by with firewood and such. Of course she'd still have to carry it inside and get the fires going. Apparently she had lived in that house most of her life and that's where she died."

Denise blanched at the thought. "But the floors must have been freezing in the winter with it all open like that," she said. Mark shrugged.

"I guess she was used to it. It was how she had always lived," he said. "There was another lady just like her who lived in town in this rickety old place. I'd see her hunched over, puttering around in the summer sometimes. She always wore these rubber boots and seemed to have plenty of steam. I think the two of them were pretty tough old birds."

The description made Denise stop for a minute and think. Had these two women been hardy self-reliant creatures, determined to live the kind of life they wanted, independent of the expectations of others? Or had they been impoverished and isolated, cut off from the most basic comforts and merely hanging on until death caught up? She had no way of knowing. Perhaps it was a bit of both, she pondered.

And what might the alternatives have been? Live with someone else, perhaps a son or cousin, or live in a seniors' residence of some sort. The former only works if there is such a suitable and willing relative. However, it seems most end up in the latter. Seniors' residences, retirement homes or whatever they were called all appeared to consist of group living with little personal space, and a sameness to the days that threatened to be boring. Still, they had some comforts and probably few worries. "What about you, Mark?" Denise queried her friend. "Where would you like to live out your last days?"

At first, Mark didn't answer. He was negotiating a slippery turn in the road and they could both feel the mud grabbing at his wheels. It had been half raining, half snowing all weekend with a damp raw wind chasing the smell of spring. Perhaps Mark's slow response has as much to do with thinking time as with road conditions, thought Denise. Finally, he spoke.

"I don't know what to say. Sometimes I feel so set in my ways I can't imagine living anywhere else or with anyone else. But then other times I get tired of doing all the chores myself and talking mostly to my dog in the evenings. And I wonder if I'll have a choice."

Here Denise jumped in. "Exactly," she stated. Mark looked at her in surprise as she continued. "I don't know what I'll want in twenty or thirty years, but I know I'll want to be able to choose where I live. So that's why I'm wondering if those two old women chose. Sometimes I think people don't realize they have a choice. They let other people tell them what they should want or they don't make any changes because they're too afraid to try something different."

They continued on in silence. The grey clouds merged with soft soiled snow scattered in a patchwork over the landscape. Suddenly Mark pointed out a doe off to the side and as he slowed down Denise pointed out another, then two more. Their camouflage worked so well they were almost invisible. Denise couldn't help but think she'd never see those from the inside of an institution. But then, she wouldn't want that to be all she ever saw either.

As the time drew closer for Denise to return home and Mark to his own where his dog awaited, Denise wanted to have the last say. "I prefer to think of those two elderly women choosing independence over comfort, and solitude over company. I want them to have been relatively happy and free. Maybe I'm a tough old bird-in-waiting myself."

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pic of the past

Logging has always been an important part of the Highlands' winter economy. This photo shows a crew of men using pulleys to load the logs onto one of Bert Curry's trucks. We're not sure when the photo was taken but it's believed the truck is a 1958 International. Our thanks to Grace Boice for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Chief's dismissal arouses concern

To The Editor:

A response to Fire Chief Middleton's dismissal in Highlands East.

Chief Don Middleton's dismissal is based on "no just cause". His dismissal should be a concern to all the Highlands East community including anyone involved with firefighting, emergency, medical services, policing and the community at large. Our safety is at risk until someone with equivalent qualifications or better is selected on a permanent basis.

The Highlands East fire services and the emergency services it assists have been undermined. We are at a standstill. The stillness is uncanny and speaks to the past. This is a time when an emergency municipal plan should have been completed and implemented. This is a time when the potential for setting up crystal meth labs and other criminal activities is increasing on a weekly basis. These are not city events...this is the here and now.

At these times "we" decide to let our fire

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Testing isn't all it's chalked up to be

To the Editor:

I have been reading the letters regarding standardized test results in our schools and it concerns me that there is such an obsession with cold hard numbers. Are our schools meant to be "brain factories" with a bottom line "know factor"? It is no surprise that the origins of standardized testing are deeply rooted in big business.

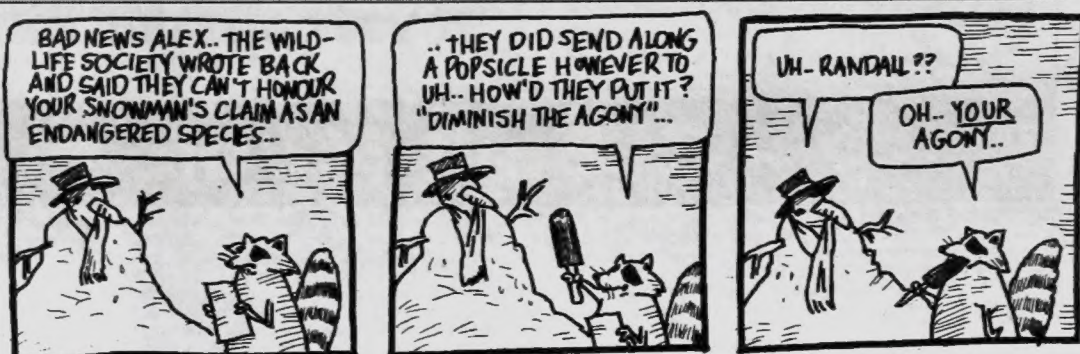
On the one hand, I would agree to some extent that it is important to "fill the empty vessels" with measurable facts and figures (most notably, relating to basic literacy). On the other hand, educating the whole child involves presenting materials that are much more difficult to quantify numerically. High order and critical, reflective, social and ethical thinking are just a few.

A good many of these types of development are best learned (or earned?) through engagement with activities: Athletics, the arts, debates, experiments, informal discussions, presentations, creating products and services and a wide range of other activities, both in the classroom and beyond. Experiential

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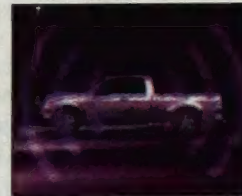
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Give the new councillors some credit

To the Editor:

I am tired of the bad mouthing of Highlands East council. It is unfortunate that the learned environmentalists from Minden and Haliburton have taken the issues belonging to our provincial government and laid them at the feet of a local council who have no say in the issue happening on Crown land. Highlands East has no say in provincial guidelines. If those bent on taking their frustrations out at this taxpayer's expense would spend as much time on the doors of MPP Laurie Scott, perhaps they would have a voice heard in proper venues.

As to the issue of a municipal employee being fired without cause: Surely the public must know that issues before a court or legal argument cannot be disclosed to

the public until things are settled.

Strange as it may seem, the roads get plowed, equipment gets repaired, bridges are going to be rebuilt, buildings are being looked after, reports concerning landfills are being addressed and developers are given severances to build. This from a council that puts in 11-hour meetings and attends training on municipal issues.

I am glad that our bylaws are being updated and sewage and water reports are up to par with government standards. For those who have not seen the actual workings of council, do not expect it all done the second Tuesday of the month. To say that the municipal employees don't have proper direction is very unfair to the people that rescued a sinking ship.

I find that the list of suits may be further expanded to

those who use this newspaper for their slanderous venting towards council members. They are not always in a three-to-two vote on the serious matters of making the township work. I would caution citizens to use discretion and a good lawyer to look over their words before venting. Acts of slander and libel toward an elected official are still an offence in this province.

The issues of secrecy are more far ranging than I would speculate as items come before council. On the very bright side envision permanent medical and pharmaceutical facilities for the area so in need brought to you by your elected officials. (Coming soon.)

Paul Hazen
Wilberforce

Fire department lacks leadership

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chief/alternate emergency coordinator go for "no just cause"? Everyone in the community saw the photos in the newspapers of an OPP tactical squad in sophisticated protective equipment handling the scene of the drug lab. What if it had been a fire call? Who would have been prepared to respond to this? Who amongst the firefighters would have died or been severely injured? Chief Middleton was moving the fire department in a better direction: better training, equipment and preparation.

Who will know whether all members (male and female) of the fire service are respected and that their training, preparation and on scene safety is paramount? Who is going to enforce the respect issue? Who is going to tell us that Middleton's budgeting and resulted in stable budgets, significant upgrading of equipment and training, and increases in revenue to offset budget costs? We can't wait for answers that may never be answered, or if they are, we have to accept with sad distrust.

Distrust does not make for a safe environment or confidence in leadership, or a happy community. Can we declare our situation as a state of emergency in Highlands East and request Chief Middleton return until the damage and potential for serious human loss and tragedy be mitigated? Or should we request investigators to provide us with at least some answers?

Who will know whether the community is safe and truly achieving provincial standards? Who will know that underwriters see it as a high quality community to live in with reasonable insurance costs? Who will know the cost of this decision in terms of safety and protection not just to persons living here but those individuals passing through who may wish to stay and live here, or set up a business? A safe community makes for good business. Who will know?

Ralph Baehre
Highland Grove
Volunteer firefighter, Station 2

Children learn in many ways

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learning is what creates wisdom and lifelong memories.

The point is that standardized testing is only one way to define the success of a child's educational experience but it is by no means the only way. To suggest otherwise would be shallow and myopic. Be assured that if a teacher can inspire a quest for continuous lifelong learning (as opposed to teaching to the test), the kids will figure out what a transitive verb is all by themselves. Teaching well is never "a waste of time and energy" for any child.

In the end, do we want our kids to be intelligent, or productive and caring citizens? As a parent I want both in perfect balance. I think that most people, including those of the business community, would agree.

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When construction starts, people's faith is restored

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ly mark the end of the long but ultimately successful capital campaign. The cheque was in honour of all the HHHS board members who didn't live long enough to see the \$6 million debt finally paid off.

Nichol had predicted the money could be raised in 10 years. He was bang on. Approval for the projects was granted in 1997, with construction starting the next September.

"Six million dollars is a lot of dough for our little towns but it never crossed my mind we'd never get it," says Don Popple who, along with Ray Selbie, is one of two original Foundation members still on the board today.

Selbie says the Foundation, which Nichol established as one of his four goals as HHHS chairman, knew it couldn't count on many large donations to pull it off. "We knew it would be on the backs of ordinary people."

But it wasn't just the size of community's share of the costs that provided a daunting challenge. A decade earlier a campaign to raise money for an 18-bed long-term care unit in Haliburton had come to a controversial end when the province rescinded its approval. People were angry and cynical. After putting their hearts into the previous campaign, how could they be sure that this one would lead anywhere?

That was one of the reasons HHHS decided to borrow the community's share up front. By not having to wait for the fundraising campaign to reach its goal, construction could start immediately. And once people saw the additions going up, their faith in the future of healthcare in Haliburton County would be restored. They'd match their faith with their donations.

"No one was going to give any money until they saw

the backhoes," Nichol says.

Having construction begin right away also buried any chances that the province would renege on the project again, although that didn't seem likely this time around. The HHHS had a strong ally at Queen's Park: MPP Chris Hodgson.

Hodgson had grown up in Haliburton and knew the history of the project well; in fact, he'd been chairman of the steering committee that was the precursor of the HHHS. Hodgson also knew how healthcare threatened to pit Haliburton and Minden against one another. Minden feared losing its hospital, an old frame building that nonetheless served as a vital emergency facility along the busy Hwy. 35 corridor. It was important to Hodgson that any solution took in Minden's needs as well as Haliburton's, even though few other counties would ever dream of having two healthcare facilities only 24 kilometres apart.

It helped, of course, that Hodgson was not only the area's MPP. At the time he was also Chairman of the Management Board of Cabinet and, as such, had a great deal of influence when it came to deciding how the province's money would be spent.

"If we didn't have the government [on side] we weren't going anywhere," says Don Popple, who believes that "if we didn't get [provincial backing] when we did, we wouldn't have got anything. We wouldn't be sitting in these buildings today."

Selbie agrees. "If Chris had not been here we'd never have gotten anywhere."

Negotiations between Nichol and Hodgson began in

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Don Popple, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's capital campaign, accepts a ceremonial final cheque from former HHHS board chairman Hugh Nichol. Nichol made the donation on behalf of HHHS board members who worked hard to get Haliburton County the healthcare facilities it needed but didn't live to see this proud day.

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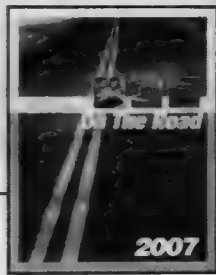
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'When people pay for something they appreciate it more'

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earnest, with the architect hovering in the background. As the project's plans took shape, costs began to rise. Nichol knew that the project had to come in under \$20 million. Originally the plan had been to split the cost between the federal and provincial governments and the community but Hodgson was able to come through with extra provincial funding as the costs continued to grow.

Nichol says, "My job was to get the project to the one-year line; Chris's job was to get it over [the goal line]."

There was a debate about whether to pay off the entire \$6 million all at once by asking the county to put a one-time levy on all property tax bills. The only person on the Foundation board who was firmly behind the idea was Ray Selbie. A fundraising campaign would not only take a long time but it would likely rely on the same 20 per cent of the population for donations, whether it was local businesses or people who would pay to attend the fundraising events such as the

gala dinners and golf tournaments. Wouldn't it be fairer to spread the financial burden over a wide area, such as the property tax base?

The idea had its merit but the others demurred. "When people have to pay for something they appreciate it more," says Nichol. He felt a fundraising campaign would garner support for and pride in the projects that went beyond how much the facilities cost.

In the end, property taxpayers were asked to foot a small portion of the bill. County council decided to pay for the interest on the loan until it was paid off. (Last year, weary of how long the campaign was lasting, county council agreed to a one-time donation of \$300,000 to end its commitment. Ironically, the donation helped to give the campaign the final boost it needed to wrap up.)

Still, \$6 million was a huge amount to raise in a county with a permanent population of 15,000 people.

It seemed all the more doable, however, when the campaign got kickstarted

with a \$700,000 "donation" from the previous fundraising campaign.

As well, several local businesses committed to donating \$25,000 each over five years and service clubs pledged their support. Soon, nearly every fundraising event, from bake sales to auctions of fine art, had the HHHSF as its beneficiary. The county did indeed rally behind the project.

The campaign seemed to stall, however, after the \$4 million mark. A lot of effort had gone into raising that amount; did the community have it in it to raise \$2 million more? The buildings were up, the new residents were settled in, the emergency facilities were busy with patients. Wasn't this enough already?

Peter Oyler became chairman of the Foundation board around this time. He recognized that the board was facing donor fatigue.

By now, however, Nichol's idea of planned giving was starting to make an impact. Years earlier he had set up a program whereby people could leave bequests to the Foundation or donate shares for a tax credit. With these financial incentives in place, large donations could be made; sadly they often couldn't be realized until someone died but they were an important facet of the Foundation's long-range planning.

Yet it was a quiet, shy and frugal man who was to get the Foundation over the final fundraising hump. Herb Hoffman was an unassuming older gentleman who shopped at the Lily Ann and rode around Haliburton village on his second-hand bike before moving to Extensicare. When he died, he left his entire estate to the Foundation. His \$225,000 bequest

made him the largest single donor to the capital campaign.

The fact that someone who appeared to have so little gave so much seemed to re-energize the campaign. Donations through the Christmas mailing were the largest in the campaign history. A few highly successful fundraisers later, and the campaign was on its final stretch.

"When I tell folks who live outside this community that we have two great hospitals and that we just raised \$6 million, with a base population of 15,000, they are amazed," Oyler says.

"We did it our way and succeeded," Selbie says, noting that the board never used consultants to figure out how to overcome the many obstacles in the Foundation's way.

"I never doubted the community's ability to rise to the challenge," says board member Jack Brezina, who was instrumental in garnering support for proper healthcare facilities in Minden. "It perhaps took a little longer than anticipated, but the debt has been retired, a testament to what a small community with a vision can accomplish. And, at the same time, the community has continued to support other worthwhile ventures in the county. Never doubt what a community with drive and vision can accomplish, particularly your own."

Popple says, "I'm proud of everyone who participated. Anyone I asked for money I never had an outright no. One guy gave me a dollar and said it was all he could afford."

"The absolute highlight for me," says the Foundation's executive director, Dale Walker, "was that I get to work with the

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Healthcare facilities pull the county together

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most dedicated and supportive volunteers, board members and committee members. They have so much passion for the healthcare facilities. They never say no and I have asked them to do a lot of things – ride a horse, attend Sunday morning lake association meetings, go to galas, make presentations, open their homes to the public, attend fairs, bake sales, card parties, donate, donate stuff and give money and more money. We had a lot of fun, crazy times."

Hodgson is as pleased with the facilities as he is with the way their construction drew the communities of Minden and Haliburton together. "One of the issues that was so divisive is now a unifier," says Hodgson, who retired from politics a few years ago to concentrate his energies on his young family. "It really speaks to the community spirit. I was pleased to be a part of it. It's one of the reasons you get into politics – to make things better for the area."

Presenting the ceremonial last cheque on Monday brought to the end a very long process with very beneficial results.

As Nichol notes, plans for healthcare expansion got their start in 1979 with the application for 15 chronic care beds. "After 28 years, closure has finally happened," he says.

CASEY LESSARD/Echo



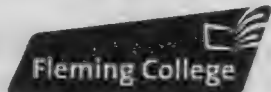
The HHHS Foundation has reached its \$6 million capital fundraising goals. HHHSF board members and HHHS managers gathered to celebrate the milestone Monday: Debbie Watson, Rob Eaton, Peter Oyley, Jim Mitchell, Jan McMaster, Klara Oyley, Lisa Tompkins, Sandra Bishop, Dale Walker, Courtney MacDonald, Marg Fielding, Janice Hardy, Peter Fearrey, Eleanor Harrison, Kimberley Hicks, Jeanne Anthon, Keith Sansford, Cathy Outram, Ray Selbie, Don Popple and Hugh Nichol.

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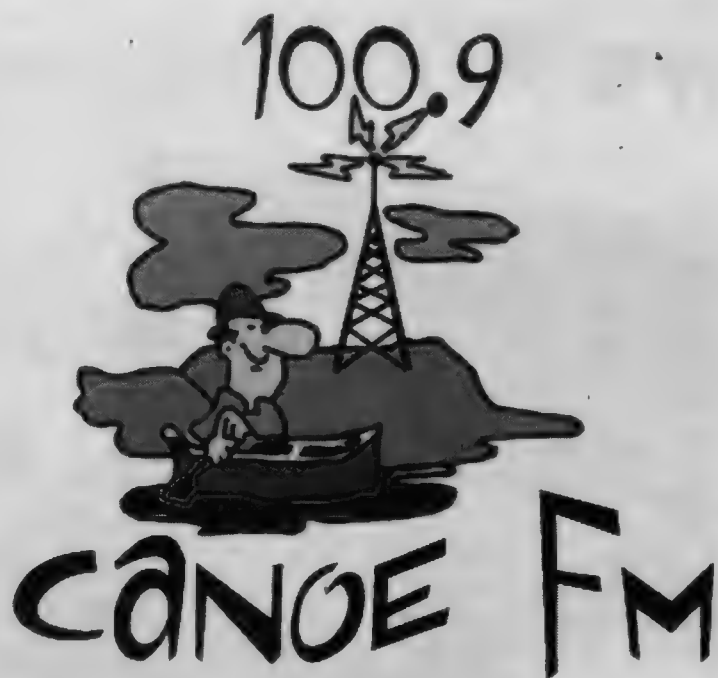
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Storm puts up a fight in the face of elimination

JESSICA YOUNG

Staff Reporter

Facing elimination in the all-Ontario championships, the Highland Storm Atoms gave a great performance when they faced off against the Dresden Jr. Kings in Haliburton on Saturday night.

The Storm was down two games to none and if they lost Saturday's game the best-of-five series would end without a win. Local fans came out to show their support, packing the arena and raising the rafters with their cheers. The team reveled in the attention and won 4-2.

This gave the Storm another chance to stay in the series that would determine the provincial champs.

However, despite their best efforts the team had a disappointing 10-0 loss the following day, making Dresden the Atom CC all-Ontario champions. But the second-place finish is something the young players should be proud of.

"Things sure didn't go as we planned but they are a great group of kids and they'll be back next year, stronger than ever," said head coach Jamie Dollo.

Wrapping up the season, it was evident that Dollo was a proud leader of his

hockey team.

"It's been a heck of a year and they've learned and grown together. It sure was a fun year."

In Saturday's game Connor Dollo gave the Storm their first marker, assisted by Devon Upton and Nate Feir early in the first. Curtis Ballantyne gave the Storm a 2-0 lead with assists from Tyler Barry and Spencer Trueman.

Dresden got the puck past the Storm's goalie in the second but the Storm returned early on in the third thanks to Ballantyne with help from Chris Hall. Barry finished off the period with a goal with Ballantyne giving a hand as the Storm took the win.

Spirits were high after the home game and Dollo knew his team gave it their all.

"The kids played with their hearts today. We lost both games in Dresden but we're trying to draw out the series. We're in good shape playing at home."

Although the team was unable to score in the final game on Sunday, it was still a time for celebration for the youngsters who gave it their best. Both teams were presented with honorary medals after the game and proud parents took to the ice to snap photos.



JESSICA YOUNG/ECHO

Owen Flood joins goalie Nathan Frost in celebration after a 4-2 win against the Dresden Jr. Kings last Saturday at the Dysart Arena. The Storm had a spectacular season placing second in the province in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Atom CC finals.

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Between March Break and cold season, Kai Shin had only two members compete in a tournament in Mississauga on Sunday, March 18. Still the club brought back four medals.

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The club's other competitor, Kyle

Seabrooke, won a fourth place medal for Kata and in an exciting sparring match Kyle won third place. Only two competitors but they represented the club well.

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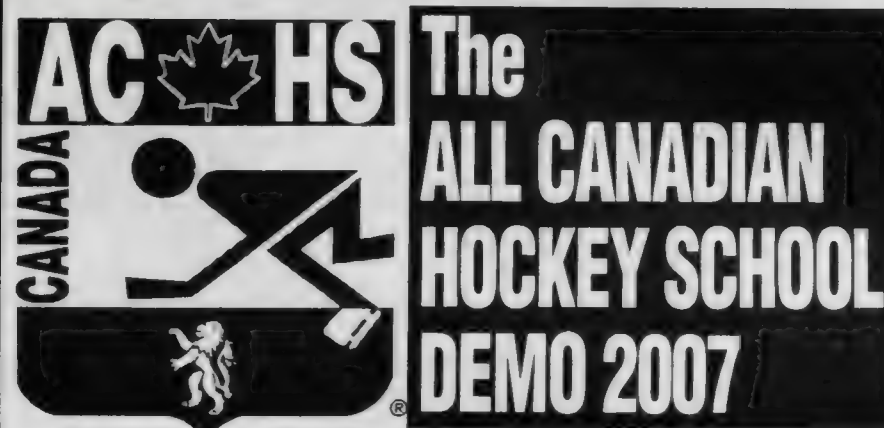
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Campbellford ends Red Hawks' run for provincial championship

HHSS finishes in top eight after 7-3 loss to COSSA rival

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team ended its run for the provincial championship at the hands of COSSA rival Campbellford, falling 7-3 in OFSAA quarterfinal action Friday in Whitby.

"It's been a rivalry for the last month," coach Ron Yake said. "We beat them at the COSSA championships, so the team left disheartened losing to a local team instead of one from Windsor or Ottawa."

Campbellford had squeezed into the tournament after organizers realized they needed a 20th team. Ranked lowest in the tournament, Yake believes the team should have been ranked much higher.

HHSS entered the tournament ranked sixth and finished the round robin with a 2-1-1 record. The Red Hawks beat Toronto's Ursula Franklin (19) 6-2 Wednesday before splitting games Thursday, beating St. Catharines' Governor Simcoe (11) 5-4 and losing 6-1 to Ancaster's Bishop Tonnos (3). Heading into Friday's game against 14th ranked Embrun, the team needed at least a tie to advance to playoffs.

"We were losing 2-1 going into the period," Yake said. "We outshot them and outplayed them but the puck wasn't going into the net. With 1:40 left, we scored and that put us into the top eight."

Yake credits a solid team effort from championship-hungry seniors.

"All of the Grade 12s played their hearts out," he said. "In the end, they showed the utmost pride and character that you want as a coach."

"Our goaltenders Ian Sachs and Mike Lennox played extremely well all tournament. Mitch Vasey had probably the best series of games that I've seen him have all year. He was very focused."

The team's top scorer Matt Duchene had to split his week playing at the OFSAA championships and for his OMHA Central Ontario Wolves, who were playing at the scout-favourite OHL Cup.

"Matt was available for two-and-a-half games of the five. He did his utmost to be available in that situation. He too had some great moments. In that third period against Embrun, he had a great period."

With prospects at higher levels of hockey elsewhere, Duchene is not expected to play for HHSS next year but some Grade 12s are rumoured to return for a fifth year.

"I'm not sure who'll be back," Yake said. "The nature of high school hockey is you lose a few and gain a few. I think we will be competitive if we have the same drive as this year. Of course it depends on the level of teams we're playing."

Overall, the boys can be proud of an outstanding season, even without the provincial championship title. The Red Hawks ended the regular season with a 23-5-3 record including tournaments, going undefeated (13-0-1) in league play. The Red Hawks lost the Kawartha championships, but won COSSA.

"We had a great season; undefeated all season, COSSA champs and a great showing at OFSAA. The boys were wonderful representatives of our school and community. I had a lady at a restaurant comment how well mannered and polite the boys were, and that goes a long way."

"We outshot them and outplayed them but the puck wasn't going into the net."

Coach Ron Yake

An epic battle of 'sinners' versus 'saints'

CHRIS CHUMBLEY

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On Saturday evening from 7 - 9:30 p.m. the two teams clashed in two epic hockey games hosted by St. George's Anglican Church. Each team was comprised of members from the various congregations of the churches in Haliburton village with the majority of players coming from the Catholic, the Baptist, and the Anglican churches.

The first game saw both teams evenly matched in numbers. Players ranged in height from about three feet tall to over six feet.

The Sinners, with no sinning of their own, took an early lead but the Saints held their own and eventually tied up the score mid-game. Unfortunately for the Saints, though, and with much cheering from the spectators, the Sinners came out of the battle victorious with a score of 8 to 4.

A brief rest and a quick wipe of the ice allowed the teams time to recruit some new members and regroup for more actions. Spectators took the opportunity and warmed themselves with hot chocolate and coffee from the snack bar. Then, again the onlookers took up their seats on the bleachers to cheer on the action.

After a ceremonial puck dropping by the Reverend Faun Harriman of St. George's and Father John of St. Anthony's, the combat continued.

Tension grew as the game went scoreless in the first period. In the second period both teams managed to secure two goals and tie up the game. But in the end the Saints proved victorious with a final score of 5 to 3.

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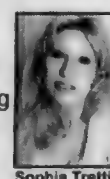
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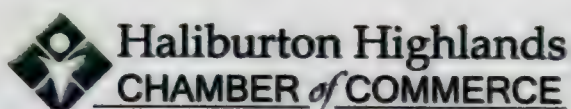
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Business Achievement Awards

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The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees.

** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

The nominees are:

Heat Line

The Pepper Mill

The Storeroom Natural Foods

County Commercial Printers

Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees) **

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** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

The nominees are:

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Patient News Publishing

Curry Motors Limited

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The nominees are:

Redstone River Luge Club

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Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network

Minden Kin Club

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

Sponsored by **County of Haliburton**

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision as applied to activities of the Young Entrepreneur during 2006.

The nominees are:

Marcy's Day Spa (Marcy Wilkins)

Ben Teskey And Robin Golloher

(Algonquin's Wolf Den Bunkhouse & Cabins)

* As elected by members of our community.
One business or individual from each
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Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

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The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

The nominees are:

Michael Fay

Wade MacInnes

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Richard (Dick) Schell

Youth of the Year

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This award will be awarded to a high school student currently or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee will award a student based on their academic and extra curricular activities and who has also shown a willingness to participate throughout the community to enrich the lives of others. The recipient of this award will be selected by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Award of the Year

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This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2006.

(The winner for this award will not be announced prior to the Gala Dinner, March 31st)

**Awards to be presented
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Congratulations and best of luck to all the nominees from



HHSS curling team amongst top eight in Ontario

The HHSS Boys Curling team travelled to Mississauga as the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) representatives. The four-day championships were held at the Oakville Curling Club March 21 to 24.

Twenty high school teams from across the province were divided into four pools with five teams in each pool. The HHSS boys were first in their pool after winning all four of their games:

Game 1: HHSS defeated Loyalist CVI from Kingston 8 - 2 after six ends

Game 2: HHSS defeated Pope John Paul II from Toronto 7 - 0 after six ends

Game 3: HHSS defeated Fort Frances HS 6 - 4

Game 4: HHSS defeated Parkside CI from St. Thomas 6 - 1 after six ends

All four players played well in the first four games with excellent execution of shots. They displayed well thought-out strategy, decision making and team play.

After Game 3, HHSS was assured a spot in the quarter-finals and was playing the fourth game for first or second place in the pool, which was a nice position to be in.

Games started early for the teenagers and coach Tom Dibblee says, "The boys were awesome ambassadors of our school credo on and off the ice."

As for the boys' play, Dibblee says, "Curtis improved his 'move but not remove' of the opponents' lead rocks, Connor had consistent weight and tremendous sweeping, Edward pro-actively shared strategies and execution of the required shots and Jake made some amazing shots to get us out of some sticky situations."

With the 20 teams narrowed down to the top eight for the quarterfinals, HHSS had to play Sir Robert Borden HS from Ottawa. Hoping to keep the momentum of their fabulous pool play, HHSS was quickly shattered by a steal of two in the first end. They came back in the second end with two points but everyone was missing shots. "Jake



Second Connor Duhaime, Vice Edward Cyr, Skip Jake Walker and Lead Curtis Nichol advanced to the all-Ontario curling championships, where they played right up to the quarter finals.

had to continually attempt triple tap backs through a guarded wall to attack the Sir Robert Borden's shot rocks that were buried by clutter in the front," says Dibblee. "A time-out to focus the team and rally team spirits helped. Edward was instrumental in giving everyone the confidence they needed to stay in the game. The boys showed excellent character and determination as they improved over the last four ends of the game. They were competitive to the end."

The Red Hawks had a chance of two in the fifth and three in the seventh to go ahead by one but that did not happen. HHSS lost that game 8 - 4 against "a flawless draw team who consistently made all of their shots," Dibblee says.

Elimination at this point meant that HHSS just missed their goal of being one of the top four teams in the province. "Sadness set in but after a healthy gorging of

an inordinate amount of fast food, they realized that it came down to one game," Dibblee says. "Once again, they were top eight in the province. Happiness set in as they socialized with fellow competitors and had some fun electronic times at The Playdium with other OFSAA participants."

The boys have had a successful 2006-07 season after advancing to the provincials twice this year.

Season Record: 19 wins out of 24 games (not counting the Monday night competitive at the Haliburton Club.)

Dibblee congratulates the boys on their successful season. The boys had high goals for this year and their determination was evident by perfect attendance at all practices/games by three of the team members.

As he says: Excellent work! Awesome Attitude! Good Curling! You are amazing characters to take all over the province.



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Curling season draws to an end

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Tell the curling season is winding down. Some of the highlights of the different draws are as follows.

The Millennium Cup playoffs were on March 22. The winning team was John Smillie, Richard Rasmus, Doug Goggin and Sue Mason. This event is a playoff for the winners of the Monday fall and winter draws and the Thursday fall and winter draws.

The Monday daytime mixed draw was won by the team of John Smillie, Lorraine Virgin, Glenda Wakely and Louis Simon. Second place went to Brian Daoust's team with Ian Cox, Garry Bradshaw, and Joan Hawley. The third place team was skipped by Wilf Guenette with Percy Bain, Wendy Vermeersch and Andy Mason.

The Tuesday draw was won by Beryl Rasmus's team with Ann McIvor, Clare Byer and Sue Forbes. Second place team was skipped by Bev Martin with gette Bassie, Barb Parish, and Adele Pope. Third place went to Mary Lou Mizzan with team members Joa Glachan, Ruth Hunt and Charlene Cooper.

The Thursday daytime mixed draw was won by Ray Hutchinson, Robert McIvor, Wendy Vermeersch and Gary Macdonald. Second place went to Al DeGrave's team with Pat Norman, Bill Vermeersch and Mary Lou Goggin. Third place was the team of Gary Thorpe, Irene Tigert, Don Dillon and Betty Ablett.

The Friday men's overall winner was the team skipped by Del Watson with Ab Morrow, Jack Graham, and Paul Isles (Patrick Mitchell). The winter draw was won by Wayne Shepherd, Gary Thorpe, Jack Virgin and David Arthur. Second place went to Moe Welch, Brian Harrison, Andy Mason and Ray Luck. Third place was



The 30th Jack Robertson Rotary Memorial curling bonspiel was held March 7 at the Haliburton curling club. Sixty-four curlers enjoyed the day in the new club facilities. Chairman Art Dawson presents three-game winners Dan Crawford (lead), Colin Harris (2nd), Bob Johnston (skip), and Andy Gruppe (vice). The tournament thanks sponsors Delta Pinestone, Collo Estate Wines, Curry Motors, Koshlong Marine, Sir Sam's, Dominion of Canada General Insurance and Dawson Insurance.

Ralph Young, Peter Byer, Dave Allen and Derek Knowles.

The annual general meeting was held on March 22, with about 60 members present. A new director, Brian Daoust, was elected to the executive. The final banquet is being held on Saturday, March 31 and tickets are still available for those who wish to attend.

Wayne Hussey is the co-ordinator of the 29th Home and Cottage Show which runs this year from June 1 - 3. Volunteers from the curling club are needed to assist at this club fundraiser. Please contact Wayne Hussey or Bev Martin to volunteer and a sign up sheet will be at

the banquet on March 31. Many exhibitors have already booked their space at the event which promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Have a great summer and we will see you curling next October.

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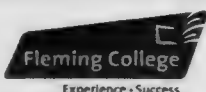
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Chess gets a new, cool reputation

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Valerie Smith

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Remember years ago when people who played chess were considered "nerdy"? That is not the case now. It is considered "really cool" and many of the young players at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board chess tournament at the Haliburton Legion and arena on Friday, March 23. Some students told me they started to play in kindergarten and they enjoy playing it at home with their family and friends. The tournament, organized by teacher Blake Paton, has become very popular and children grades 1 - 8 from all over the district were on hand to compete.

Playing chess is considered to be a great way to increase intellectual development and increase English, math and reading skills. In some countries it is part of the school curriculum. It also teaches valuable "real world" skills and encourages friendly competition between boys and girls. Respect for one's opponent was in evidence at the end of each match as the children shook hands with their challenger. Without a doubt, these children ages 6 - 14 years knew how and what it took to win - purpose, knowledge, a burning desire and reverence!

A special thanks is extended to Blake Paton for organizing this event and a big thank you to all the parent volunteers and teaching staff who assisted Blake. Just a tremendous job!

There is a special chess website that children can go to play chess. Blake indicated that it is an excellent teaching device for the children when learning the game of chess as the program will not allow them to make false moves in error or by design. To log onto the chess web site go to www.chessforchildren.com, click on chess kids, I want to play chess, a real easy chess computer and finally, play.

There are so many new and thrilling teaching tools at our fingertips. With parental guidance the children can access these knowledge-based websites and parents can assist their child to know, value and understand the importance of knowledge. Many of these special websites can help instill in the child the burning desire and love of

learning while having fun. As John Lubbock indicated, "The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn."

As you look about the countryside now and see the buckets hanging on the maple trees you know sap's rising. Well, maybe! The sap actually runs both up and down. At any rate, maple syrup time is a magical time and I wish to share with you one of Grandma, Jennie Townsend's family recipes. Actually Grandma had recipes that included everything from Maple Pudding, Maple Syrup Cream Candy, Soft Maple Icing to Maple Syrup Tarts and so many more. My Mom used this recipe and always called it, "Mother's Johnny Cake". It is a wonderful treat served hot from the oven, covered with butter (optional) and drenched with maple syrup. 3/4 cup butter; 1 1/4 cup milk; 3 eggs; 2 cups all purpose flour; 1 cup sugar; 1 cup cornmeal; 3 teaspoons baking powder and a dash of cinnamon. Grandma always had a "dash" of this or "pinch" of that in her recipes and I overtime came to understand that a "pinch" or "dash" represents the amount you feel tastes best.

In a large bowl, blend together cornmeal, white flour and baking powder.

In a small bowl beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs and beat for 2 minutes. Blend dry ingredients with milk and egg/ butter and sugar mixture mixing until smooth. Pour batter into a greased cake pan. Sprinkle with a dash of cinnamon. Bake at 350° for 1 1/2 hour or until it tests done. Serve hot with maple syrup poured over top of cake. What a yummy treat for Easter!

We wish Pat Bain, teacher at Wilberforce E.S. all the very best as her long-term occasional position comes to a close. She will be greatly missed by staff and students.

Special Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Earl Cooper on the occasion of his 80 years young. Many family and friends were on hand at the West Guilford Centre on Saturday to help him celebrate this momentous occasion.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries go out to Charlie Angevine, Doug Knox and Greg Watson.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I pass on the following message that comes from Barb and John of the South Algonquin Cookhouse. They would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful people that chose to visit them over the past six years. Your warmth and good feelings have meant much to them and everyone has been great. The last couple of months have been incredibly hard on everyone and it is not getting any better. The weather, the lack of visitors, the high cost of food, and the cost of travel has taken its toll on them. They have talked for hours and it is with a heavy heart and much sadness they find that the only solution for them is to close the doors as of March 26 and try and reduce costs until the building is sold. They wish everyone an excellent summer and also hope the Cookhouse will again some day become your favorite dining spot.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 448-3640. Always glad to hear from you!

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

March 28: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Center. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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Earl Cooper's birthday draws many guests

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Two hundred and twenty (or so) guests accepted the invitation to join Earl Cooper's 80th birthday celebration at the Centre on March 24. Several surprises were in store for Earl as he awaited the arrival of family and friends. He was delighted to see Stan Jacobs, Paul Simerton, Andy Klenka and Ed Crayston, part of the gang who hunts with him in November from year to year.

For sure, he hadn't expected his cousin, Mabel Rusick and her husband, Jack, from Rochester.

That look of sheer delight as they entered was worth the letter-writing, the early phone calls, and the biting of the tongue lest I give away the information and spoil the impact of the surprise.

First of all, though, when we were in St. Catharines on Thursday, March 22, my sister Mavis Swiston was picking up her brother George at Hamilton airport to bring him to the Masonic Lodge in Fonthill in time for our son-in-law's initiation into the Masonry where Earl was to help welcome Paul Zwala into this ancient ritual with the ceremony. Great was the surprise and rejoicing when Earl saw George, who, as far as we know, wasn't even going to make it to the birthday party much less this special event.

Marg Nicholls, and Cheryl and Greg Cooper outdid themselves in the presentation of the generous supply of food at the party.

Flowers and the gift card wishing-well decorated a table, and birthday cake another. For people who arrived early and had to leave early, a chocolate cake with bagpipe and mandolin decorations was served. For those who were able to stay longer the large cake was served later.

Son Alan Cooper piped ahead of the guest of honour, and son George carried the candle-lit cake to the table. Everyone cheered and clapped for Earl who wore the Cooper tartan in honour of the occasion. Alan and Sophy Cooper played and sang to their own fiddle and guitar accompaniment.

The hall was decorated with streamers and white and blue and bunches of colourful balloons and scarves of Haliburton tartan. There was, in other words, everything to make a happy occasion even more joyous. The reading of a poem from Earl's sisters Toby, Evelyn and Shirley by Shirley Rapson was the highlight of the day, later requested again at home after the supper there. Later still several people arrived for a sing-song.

Our thanks to all who came to wish Earl well. You made the day for us by your presence.

It's part of life that sadness enters too, so we express heartfelt sympathy to Jack Glenn on the death of his beloved wife Muriel, on her sudden passing from us so unexpectedly.

A reminder of the Centre's committee meeting on March 28 at 7:30. Support of numbers at these meetings gives the encouragement the committee needs to fulfill their duties.



Earl Cooper is usually the one piping in dignitaries but last Saturday it was his son Alan doing the honours when Earl celebrated his 80th birthday at the West Guilford Community Centre. Following behind is son George with the birthday cake.



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To:
Dr. Richard Charron, Chair, Nominating Committee
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
P.O. Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Fax to 705-457-1071

email to: info@hhhs.on.ca

If you have any questions, please call the Administrative Office at 457-4508.

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(HHLT)

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We need all your guesses by Monday, April 2 at 5 p.m..

You can drop them off at the *Echo* office, the big blue house overlooking Head Lake, e-mail them to ssisson@haliburtonecho.ca, fax them to 457-3275 or mail them Box 360, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0.

Please remember to tell us the day that you think the last ice cube will melt from the lake, the time of day, and your telephone number.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday April 16th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-007/07, H-008/07, H-009/07, H-010/07 & H-011/07
Applicant: CANADIAN HALIBURTON ESTATES LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 27, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: 5 New Lots
2. File No. H-018/07
Applicant: BRUTON HOLDINGS LTD. & R. J. BROHM
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
3. File No. H-019/07
Applicant: BRUTON HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
4. File No. H-020/07
Applicant: MARK S. HILL
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 14, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office or on request during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person is unable to attend an appeal or a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed application, they may wish to request the Land Division Committee to consider the application on their behalf.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 27th day of March, 2007

Jane M. Cousaw, A.M.C.
Development Services Coordinator/Planner
County of Haliburton
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Empty bowls is back

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Haliburton held its first Empty Bowls project in the fall of 2005, raising over \$5,500 for the 4Cs food bank. Building on the success of 2005, and understanding the need for relief in this community, Empty Bowls will expand its reach to raise funds for the region's four food banks. This includes the Cardiff Community Food Bank, Wilberforce Word of Life Clothing and Emergency Food Outreach, Minden Food Bank and Haliburton's 4Cs Food Bank. Also, due to public interest in the project, there are more ways to get involved.

A new twist...

In 2005, more than 150 bowls were made and donated by talented local potters and Fleming College's ceramics students. This year, local potters have been busy making bowls to be decorated by the public.

In the spirit of co-operation, about 70 bowls have to be made and bisque fired, ready for your embellishment. Join this initiative on Saturday, March 31 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Haliburton School of The Arts ceramics studio at the Fleming College campus in Haliburton village. Roll up your sleeves and decorate a bowl.

In keeping with the objectives of Empty Bowls, themes for decoration may relate to food, hunger and community.



Interested in helping with Empty Bowls? The public has a chance to decorate bowls with assistance from local potters. Join the fun on Saturday, March 31 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You may have a poem, a quote or simple words to write on a bowl, or you may choose to paint or draw symbols, stories or designs. Working alongside local potters, you will have the opportunity to learn about the processes of clay, familiarize yourself with Fleming's ceramics studio and learn about Empty Bowls. Materials for this event have been kindly donated by Tucker's Pottery Supply and Fleming College. This is a free event and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once decorated, bowls will be glazed, fired and displayed at the College until our Empty Bowls fundraising dinner, Thursday, May 17 at the Haliburton Legion.

But, that's not all! There will be approximately 20 bowls to decorate on Saturday April 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery. This too is open to the public and is a free event. Another batch of bowls will be made and decorated through the Artists in the Schools program in Cardiff.

Last but not least, Haliburton's finest potters will each be donating unique bowls from their own studios. By the time the event rolls around, there should be about 150 community made bowls for you to choose from – imagine the diversity.

Another twist...

So, what is being served up in these bowls? Melissa Stephens' Grade 10 and 11 Hospitality and Tourism classes will be planning, preparing and filling these one-of-a-kind, handcrafted bowls with a selection of tasty soups and stews, accompanied by home-made breads and topped off with sweets.

The bowl is meant to be a symbolic reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world, and also a reminder of your contribution to the cause.

Mark your calendars and help local potters raise funds for the county's food banks. Empty Bowls will be held

Thursday, May 17 at the Haliburton Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin around 6:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$50 and will be available starting the week of April 9 at the following outlets: The York Street Internet Cafe, Rails End Gallery, Storeroom Natural Foods and Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Empty Bowls Haliburton would like to thank our growing list of generous supporters for making this event possible. This includes our local potters, the Arts Council, Rails End Gallery, Fleming College, Tucker's Pottery Supply, Haliburton Health Unit, Haliburton County Food Action Committee, Abbotsford North Drummers, York Street Internet Cafe, Storeroom Natural Foods, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Todd's Independent Haliburton IGA, Marty's, Haliburton Legion, Haliburton Echo, The Communicator, Canoe FM and everyone who participates in the creation of bowls.

For more information or to volunteer for this event, please contact 457-4619.

SCHEDULE B 1ST MANADATORY PUBLIC CONTACT – PHASE 2



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

Class Environmental Assessment
Contract C7-02-07

County Road 7 (Kennis Lake Road)
Rehabilitation from Ella Ct. northerly 5.64km to Pivot Lake

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

As required under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and agencies that subject to the comments received as a result of this NOTICE and the receipt of the required approvals, the Roads Department intends to proceed with the planning, design, and subsequent construction of the above-noted project.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this undertaking will be rehabilitate the above-noted section of road, including the pulverization of the existing asphalt surface, application of 100mm lift Granular 'A', 50mm HL4 asphalt, installation of drainage culverts, and upgrading of structure approaches for Griffin's Bridge.

These improvements will address the deficiencies that have been identified and outlined in the County's Road Needs Study, 2004 Update.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON ROADS DEPARTMENT
11 Newcastle St.
P.O. Box 880
Minden, ON
KOM 2K0
(705) 286-1762 or Fax 286-4881
8:30am – 4:30pm (Mon – Fri)

Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until April 6, 2007. The County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this project by June, 2007, and complete the work by the end of July, 2007.

This NOTICE issued March 20, 2007

Roy L. Haig, C.E.T.
Engineering Services Manager
County of Haliburton Roads Department
rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Wednesday, April 11th, 2007
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-07-010 – Lands of 2114185 Ontario Corp.
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of an addition to a hotel in the CH zone.
 - Permit a maximum structure height of 12 metres (39.4 feet).
 - Location: Part Lots 2, 3 and 4, Concessions 6 and 7, Dysart Township (Pinestone Resort – County Road 21).
2. D13-MV-07-011 – Lands of Tandem Developments Inc.
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a seasonal dwelling and a private garage, which includes a private cabin, in the WR4 zone.
 - Permit an accessory building to be constructed concurrently with the main building.
 - Permit a seasonal dwelling to have a water setback of 55.5 feet.
 - Location: Part Lots 1 and 2, Concession 1, Lot 53, Plan 587, Havelock Township (West Shore Road – Kennis Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: March 27th, 2007

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



An icy treat

Warm weather is melting the ice outside, but members of the Highlands East skating club warmed the hearts of audience members at their season finale carnival Tuesday.

Top left: Emma Dawson portrays a sea creature.
Top right: Ashley Alden, Beth Waugh, Christina Berning, Eryn Solmes, Jessica Mazara, Kirsty Cook, Rebecca Anderson and Shenese Alden are Silk Shiny Stockings.
Left: Ashley Alden performs a spin during a solo performance.
Above: Ryan Rupnow is bobbing out from Under the Sea.

Photos by Casey Lessard



**Municipality
of Dysart et al**

TENDERS FOR LOGGING AND CLEANUP OPERATIONS

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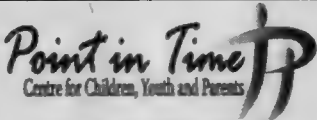
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The Township of
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Recreation Open House

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Saturday, March 31
from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Bring your ideas -

what you would like to see
happening in Stanhope?

While at the Open House, don't forget to
register your kids for Stanhope Soccer!

Investigate buying tickets to Murder Mystery

Ticket sales for the Murder Mystery to be held on April 28 are going well. Please remember that it is reserved seating so make sure you book your tickets early and pay for them by April 20 in order to get better seats. Limited seating available. On Saturday March 24th

there were only 14 tickets left. *It sold out last time.* I expect it will again this time. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. and the tickets are \$15.00 each. The price includes a full course roast pork dinner and live entertainment. I have my ticket. Call the Legion at 448 2221 to reserve your

ticket(s) now. The tickets are going like Hotcakes, so don't be left out. On that note the L.A. are having their Sunday Brunch April 8th.

Free income tax service will be offered to all Legion members and seniors who qualify to get help filling out their tax returns. The Community Volunteer Tax Program has started. Gather up your income tax information (T3, T4, T4A, T5 slips and Notice of Assessment, etc.) and bring them into the Legion on Monday afternoons between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Remember the last day to pick up your return will be April 23 and your return for 2006 has to be filed on or before April 30, 2006. Please contact volunteer Marlene Watson at 448 2266, or 448-2221 for further information.

If anyone has information that he or she thinks would be of interest to our Members' newsletter, please let me know. It can be left with the bar stewards. The newsletter should come out in May, so get your information in early. There are many great upcoming

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Mel Smith

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events and remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to friends.

March 26: 7:00 p.m. Open Pool
 March 27: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage
 March 28: 7:30 p.m. Open Darts
 March 29: 1:00 p.m. Open Euchre
 March 30: 1:00 p.m. Open Pool
 March 31: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw Come on out and bring a friend.
 April 2: 7:00 p.m. Open Pool
 April 3: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage
 April 3: 7:00 p.m. Legion Executive Meeting.
 April 4: 7:30 p.m. Open Darts
 April 5: 1:00 p.m. L.A meeting

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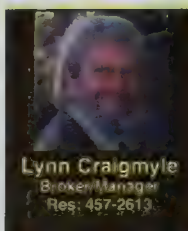
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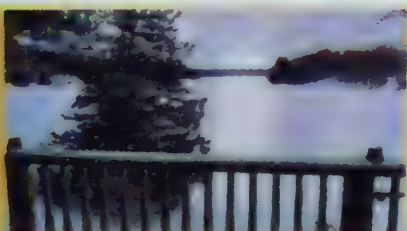
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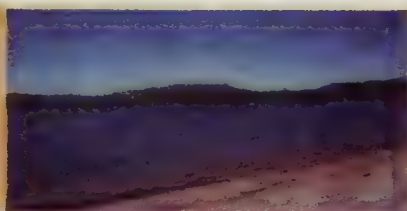
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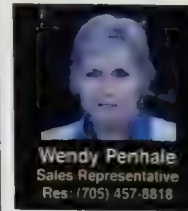
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 Reception/Artist Walk-About: March 31, 2-4 p.m.
 Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre

Do we really need the things that we have? Can we survive with less? What is necessary in the grand scheme of things? These are big questions being tackled by the Portfolio Art class at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

This year's exhibition explores the idea of "necessities", a theme chosen by the artists themselves. Each young artist has investigated this idea from a variety of angles and will be presenting their interpretations through various art media.

This year's Portfolio Class exhibition has been generously supported by the Ontario Arts Council's Artist in Education program. Through this support, the Rails End was able bring nation-

ally acclaimed contemporary painter and Haliburton resident, Gary Blundell into the high school.

New work on gouged wood by Blundell will be featured at the Gallery in August, 2007. Blundell has recently been working intensively with portfolio class students as they prepare for their group exhibition. Students explore current contemporary art practices, learn how to craft an artist statement, create their own promotional material, how to design an exhibition and how to create artwork that is informed by a conceptual theme.

The exhibition opens with a reception and a walk-about led by the young artists on March 31, from 2 until 4 p.m.. Please join us as we celebrate the talent and depth of the work of Haliburton's upcoming artists.

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre would like to thank The Old Country House for supplying delicious and delectable appetizers for our opening receptions.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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Skating carnival pleases audience in Wilberforce

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Hilda Clark

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There is nothing like a "pride of little lions" showing off its skating prowess to charm an audience of family and friends at a skating carnival. Skating in the "Lion" number on Friday night at the Wilberforce Legion were Becca Pacey, Carley Raimy, Drew Rupnow, Kadie Raimy and Taylor Davies.

This followed an opening number where all skaters in the Highlands East Skating Club saluted Canada by skating around the arena in Wilberforce wearing and bearing red maple leaves.

The mini carnival continued with Shenese Alden showing fine skills skating a solo entitled Sister Act from Wilberforce.

The audience looked Under The Sea to see Desmond Davies, Emma Dawson & Jamie Lynn Evans led by Vanessa Kennedy as sea creatures. How much these little ones have learned since last fall.

The duo of Ashley Alden and Kirsty Cook in their "Chemical React" presented a routine that pleased with its smooth turns. There were nice changes of speed and many well co-ordinated moves.

The more experienced skaters Ashley Alden, Beth Waugh, Eryn Solmes, Jessica Mazara, Kirsty Cook, Rebecca Anderson and Shenese Alden in the Silk Shiny Stockings number showed increased skills and pleasing movement to the music.

To the pleasure of the audience Ashley Alden returned to the ice to skate a well planned, well executed solo.

After a finale which brought all club skaters back on

the ice, skating coach Aggie Tose presented each of the skaters with a ribbon to celebrate their fine progress and growth in skills this season. The skaters in turn thanked Aggie and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Congratulations to Barb Davies and Jodi Rupnow for taking on the leadership of the Club this season. After this season of rebuilding they look forward to another good year of figure skating at the arena in Wilberforce starting next fall.

How good it is to be in a Loop Troupe cast again, especially with Kim Barrett and Carolyn Barnes and with such a keen supporting crew. As we rehearse "Mother Variations" playing Faye, Shirley and Cindy along with baby Sharon we are quite touched with how well the playwright Aviva Ravel has "hit the nail on the head" when it comes to family relationships, especially the roles of women.

Though no men are on stage the presence of Murray, Larry, Louie and Arnie in the lives of the women will surely be noted. Though this play, which will be on stage at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Friday and Saturday April 13 and 14, deals with serious family matters, it is a comedy which the Troupe hopes will bring a good many smiles and chuckles to the audiences.



Ashley Alden shows off her fine skating skills.

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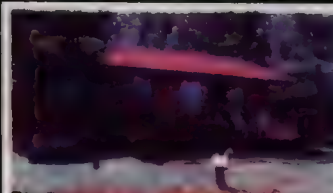
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TLDSB chess championships draws 260 players

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Special to the Echo

More than 260 young chess players gathered at the Haliburton Legion and arena on Friday, March 23 to contest the 2007 Trillium Lakelands District School Board chess championship.

There was a lot at stake in the competition, with the top players in each division advancing to the provincial finals, while the overall team championship was also up for grabs. Trustee Valerie Smith presented the awards.

The Grade 1 winner, Eric Wooton, led Haliburton's Stuart Baker Elementary School to a sweep of the top placings with 4.5 points out of five. Teammates Zac Shantz and Jordan Lapierre finished behind in second and third place.

The Grade 2 winner, Cameron Ryan Morrison of Langton Public School, fought off Jacob Bishop of SBES by grabbing the title in a tense fifth-round showdown. Owen Pounder of Langton finished in third.

Zoe Orion of Lady Mackenzie Public School in Kirkfield took the Grade 3 division. She finished ahead of last year's Grade 2 champ, Joseph Patrick of SBES. Jaydon Wood of Archie Stouffer Elementary School finished third because of a tie-breaker, but all three will continue on to the provincial championships.

Meanwhile in the Grade 4 division, an impressive field of 39 players battled over the black and white with unheralded Raymond Bunn of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton taking the championship. Raymond upset two top-ranked opponents to show that unrated players can be dangerous opponents. Hunter Bishop, also of JDHES, finished second, while Tao Orion of Lady Mackenzie Public School finished third.

Del Meyers took top honours in the Grade 5 division for J.D. Hodgson Elementary. He was followed by Brendan Buckley of Langton Public School and Dmitri Drury of Parkview Public School in Lindsay.

In Grade 6, Ali Hicks of JDHES brought home the championship by virtue of her perfect score among one the strongest fields of players in the tournament. Unfortunately her victory came at the expense of twin sister Brigitta, as the two were matched up in the last round. Dakota Pethick of Alexandra Public School in Lindsay came third.

In Grade 7, Zac Ritter of Fenelon Township Public School repeated as champion while Tyler Thomson of Bracebridge Public School came second and Ethan Strong of Ridgewood Elementary School took third back to Cobocok.

Joshua Wright of JDHES was this year's Grade 8 champion, going undefeated in the tournament; team-mate Chris Judge took third. Andrew Thornington

of Lady Mackenzie came second. JDHES narrowly won the team trophy and defended its team title. The team standings were the closest ever. Fenelon Township was a close second, and Langton Public School took third, just 1.5 points behind. The team standings are calculated by adding the team's total points in its best four grades.

Top 3 results in order of ranking (all qualify for a berth at the provincial championship)

GRADE 1

Eric Wooton, Stuart Baker Elementary, 4.5pts
Zac Shantz, Stuart Baker Elementary, 4 pts
Jordan Lapierre, Stuart Baker Elementary 3.5pts

GRADE 2

Cameron Ryan Morrison, Langton P.S., 4.5 pts.
Jacob Bishop, Stuart Baker Elementary, 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Owen Pounder, Langton P.S., 4 pts.

GRADE 3

Zoe Orion, Lady Mackenzie P.S., 5 pts
Joseph Patrick, Stuart Baker Elementary, 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Jaydon Wood, Archie Stouffer Elementary 4 pts.

GRADE 4

Raymond Bunn, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 5 pts.
Hunter Bishop, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Tao Orion, Lady Mackenzie P.S., 4 pts.

GRADE 5

Del Meyers, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 5 pts.
Brendan Buckley, Langton, 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Dmitry Drury, Parkview, 4 pts.

GRADE 6

Ali Hicks, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 5 pts.
Brigitta Hicks, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Dakota Pethick, Alexandra, 4 pts.

GRADE 7

Zachary Ritter, Fenelon Township P.S., 5 pts.
Tyler Thomson, Bracebridge P.S., 4 pts (tiebreak)
Ethan Strong, Ridgewood P.S., 4 pts.

GRADE 8

Joshua Wright, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 5 pts.
Andrew Thornington, Lady Mackenzie 4 pts. (tiebreak)
Chris Judge, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 4 pts.

TEAM RESULTS 2007 TLDSB CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

J.D. Hodgson ES: 59 points
Fenelon Township PS: 50.5
Langton PS: 49
Ridgeview PS: 44
Alexandra PS: 44
Stuart Baker ES: 43.5
Archie Stouffer ES: 43
Alexandra PS: 38
Muskoka Falls: 37
Lady Mackenzie PS: 36.5
Bracebridge PS: 29



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Above: Grade 2 SBES student Kenndal Marsden makes her move. "I like it," she said. "Last year I was learning. This year I've won every game that we played at school."

Left: Grade 1 SBES student Sam Longo questions whether his opponent's move is fair. "I've wanted to be in this tournament since I learned how to play chess," the veteran player said. "I've been playing for a long time: since I was three."

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Celebrate Earth Day

Last year Fleming College students used straw bales and innovative techniques to build a new Sustainable Living Centre at the Kinark Outdoor Centre near Carnarvon.

This eco-friendly building, which creates all of its own energy, will be the perfect venue for the centre's first Earth Day Symposium on April 21.

Guest speakers include Fleming professor Brent Wootton, speaking on alternative wastewater treatment systems; Chris Magwood, an author, teacher and expert on sustainable building and straw bale homes; a representative from Generation Solar, a leader in the field of sustainable energy solutions; a representative from the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds, a non-government organization that facilitates community involvement in water resource protection; and Lisa Tolentino, a community animator for the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition.

Admission for a full day is \$20 and exhibitor booths are available. Register for this informative celebration of Earth Day by contacting the Kinark Outdoor Centre at 286-3555, 1-800-805-8252 or info@koc.on.ca



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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON



Class Environmental Assessment
Contract C7-01-07

Part A - County Road 6 (Eagle Lake Road)
Rehabilitation within the Hamlet of Eagle Lake

Part B - County Road 7 (Kennis Lake Road)
Reconstruction within the Hamlet of West Guilford

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

As required under the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and agencies that subject to the comments received as a result of this NOTICE and the receipt of the required approvals, the Roads Department intends to proceed with the planning, design, and subsequent construction of the above-noted project.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this undertaking will be:

Part A: the rehabilitation of County Road 6 from a point 330m west of the Eagle Lake Road Bridge easterly 1.10km to Stills Road. This will include pulverizing of the existing road surface, application of 100mm Granular 'A' to the road base, application of a 50mm HL4 asphalt, replacement of drainage culverts, and upgrading of structure approaches for the Eagle Lake Road Bridge.

Part B: the reconstruction of County Road 7 from County Road 6 northerly 200m to St. Andrews Ct. This will include the excavation and reinstatement of the road base, application of 100mm HL4 asphalt, provision for a paved boulevard, concrete curb & gutter and a new storm sewer system.

These improvements will address the deficiencies that have been identified and outlined in the County's Road Needs Study, 2004 Update.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

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Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until April 6, 2007. The County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this project by June 2007, and complete the work by the end of July, 2007.

This NOTICE issued March 20, 2007

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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Mar. 28:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Mar. 28:** Shoreline Naturalization Workshop – Kawartha Conservation invites everyone who lives on a waterfront property or is interested in shoreline gardening to attend this free informative event. The workshop will be held Wed., from 7-9 p.m. at the Galway-Cavendish & Harvey municipal building on Cty. Rd. #36, just a few minutes outside of Bobcaygeon. Admission is free. But you are asked to register by calling Catherine at (705) 328-2271 ext. 211 or www.kawarthaconservation.com
- **Mar. 30:** Spring Fling Roast Beef Dinner at Haliburton United Church on Friday. Two sittings: 5:00 & 6:30 p.m. Tickets avail. from Ethel Curry Gallery, Haliburton United Church office. Proceeds to Haliburton United Church.
- **Mar. 31:** Tired of being locked down from the winter. Looking for excitement there's Something in it for the whole family. For Dad baked goods, for Mom and entire assortment of Craft and light refreshments for the kids. Saturday, March 31, 2007 Gooderham United Church located on 503 near 507. For any reason you miss the sale. On Saturday April 7, 2007 Wilberforce United Church repeat the action. If you are anything like me you be at both the Bake sales.
- **Mar. 31:** Maplefest "All you can eat" Pancake/sausage Brunch & Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lochlin Rd., off Gelert Rd. (Cty. Rd. #1), Lochlin. The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple syrup (of course)! For info call Lois at 286-1765.
- **Mar. 31:** Circle Dance – All welcome to our Spring Celebration on Sat. from 2-4 p.m. at Halimar Lodge, Kashagawigamog Lake Road. No experience or partner needed. Each dance from various cultures, meditative or playful, will be taught before dancing. For more info. & cost of donation at the door, call Sharon 286-1940 or Lynn 286-4700.
- **Apr. 1:** (S.E.A.L.) Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living invites everyone to our Environmental Display Open House, 2-3 p.m., Lions Hall, 55 Main St. Bobcaygeon. Free energy saver bulb & draw. Members Pot Luck meal at 3 p.m. followed by our Annual General Meeting & Board Member elections. www.sealweb.org 738-0371.
- **Apr. 1:** St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden – Join us for our Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Guest singers Tom Agnew, tenor, & Martin Elliott, bass, will join organist & alto Elaine Bell in early a cappella music for the church by Byrd & Palestrina.
- **Apr. 2:** It's not easy being GREEN workshop – A practical workshop for Outdoor Educators to make it Easier to implement sustainable programming & building designs. Apr. 2, 8:30 to 4 p.m. at the Sustainable Living Centre at Kinark Outdoor Centre, Minden. For more info, cost, or to register please contact: Erin Derbyshire at erin_Derbyshire@bwdsb.on.ca or (519) 524-2767.

ONGOING EVENTS

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- Coming in June: Relay For Life – is an overnight, non-competitive relay that involves teams whose members take turns running, walking or strolling around a track. Proceeds go to cancer research & community services for people living with cancer. This national event is coming to Haliburton County for the first time, Sat., June 15, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. To join or start a team, take part in the Survivors Victory Lap, pledge a local participant, or to purchase a luminary in memory of a loved one, please visit www.cancer.ca/relay or call Wendy Iles at 457-3517.
- Community Care has two trips now finalized. They are going to Phantom of the Opera on May 9 and to Trips Dancing on Nov. 1. Price includes transportation by highway coach, a delicious dinner, theatre tickets & all taxes & gratuities. Call Roxanne, 457-2941 for more info. or to reserve your seat.
- Third Wednesday of each month. North Entrance Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m. Excluding July & Aug. For more info about this great fraternity call Roger at 447-2767.
- Fourth Thursday each month. "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- March Break: Are you looking for childcare during the March Break? The Children's Learning Centre has a limited number of spaces for School Age Care for the March Break (Mar. 9 to 16 inclusive). The School Age program will be in the day care at 16 Prentice St. Call Gord at 286-4074 to register.
- Third Tuesday each month. "Living with Cancer" a group for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, recently or in the past meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742 for information.
- Thursdays in March: Join us for Adventure Mornings at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. We will explore through activities & song the topics of ABC's, Zoo, Food & Ocean. For more info. Call 286-1770.

- The Haliburton Highlands Weavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pritchard House across from the Post Office in Minden. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m.
- Indoor Walking Club: Escape the slippery sidewalks & icy winds by walking along the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers are welcome from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. each school day. There is no charge. Contact Morris Duff at 286-6079 for more information.
- Haliburton Legion, Br. 129 – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m., 1032 Gooderham Street. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- Family Drop-In Saturdays: Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Saturday of

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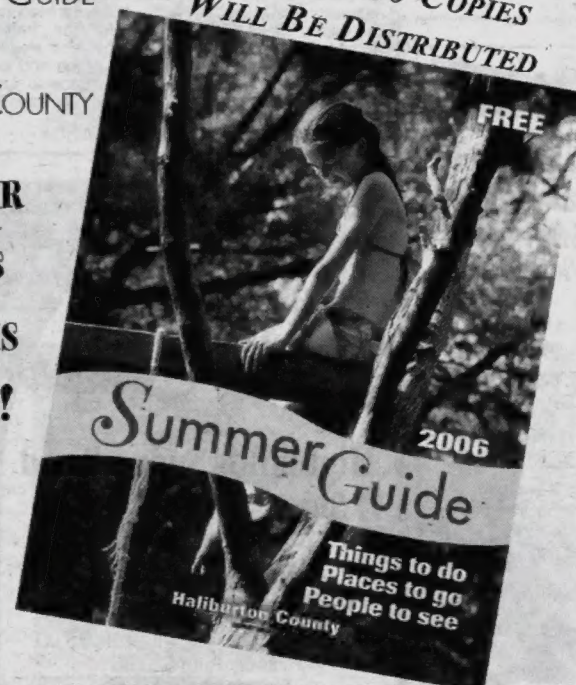
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Charlise Page Maureen Varrette was born on February 22, 2007 at 3:11 p.m. at the Kingston General Hospital. She weighed 6lbs. 14 oz. She is welcomed into the world by her Aunt Diane, Uncle Darren and Aunt Shannon and her Uncle Carlo and Aunt Daureena. Her two cousins, Declan and Mitchell, cannot wait until they can play with her. May God bless her and her parents as she continues to grow.



community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.

Thank You Cards

A Thank You from Stuart Baker School Council

On September 5, 2006 we officially opened our new playground equipment at the school. Local and school dignitaries, council members, students and teachers attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

An accomplishment such as this one achieved success only with the help and effort of many people and organizations pulling together and supporting us.

We wish to thank the Trillium Lakelands and District School Board, principal Micheline Roy, Larry Hewitt and Hawk River Construction, the parents, teachers, faculty, students and all the people and businesses of the community for their generosity supporting our fund-raising events, from volunteering to help run the events to the incredible donations of food and items for our annual carnival fun nights and silent auctions, and for attending the events and purchasing the items throughout the years.

We would also like to make special mention of Bob and Wendy Park for their unwavering and continuous support to the kids, our school, the council and all of our fundraising initiatives.

Each year, a new school council is made up of parents, teachers and the community to assist the school and students. We wish to recognize the efforts of previous council members:

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If anyone is interested helping this year's council, please stop by the school office and pick up an application or check the Council's bulletin board in the school for information and our next meeting date.

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GLEN, Muriel - (Formerly of Winona, Ontario) Peacefully at their residence on Monday evening, March 19, 2007 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of John (Jack) Glenn. Loving mother of Gregory (Karyn) of Stouffville, and Cindy (Rick Campanella) of Hamilton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Michael, Jeremy, Alicia, Kevin & Karen. Dear sister of Edna Whitehead of Hamilton. Predeceased by her brothers George and Reg.

Visitation & Memorial Services

Friends may call at ZION UNITED CHURCH Carnarvon, Ontario on Thursday morning, March 22, 2007 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Then to FAITH GOSPEL CHURCH 518 Cochrane Road, Hamilton, Ontario on Friday morning, March 23, 2007 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later Twelve Mile Cemetery, Carnarvon. As expressions of sympathy donations to SIRCH Community Hospice P.O. Box 687, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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REIL, Aileen M - Suddenly at Perth and Smiths Fall District Hospital (Smiths Falls Site) on Thursday March 22, 2007. Aileen Gifford of RR#3 1 Toledo in her 85th year. Widow Leonard Reil. Dear Mother of Sandra (Gordon) Daye of RR#1 Toledo, Delanor (Theresa) Reil of RR #1 Toledo, Brian (Karen) Reil of Mississauga, Shirley (Charlie) Yellen of Smith Falls, Marilyn (David) Twigg of Kingston Mills. Dear sister of Phyllis Garrett, Yvonne Suecie, Allison Gifford and Winston Gifford. Predeceased by sister, Winona Young. Fondly remembered by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the **SCOTLAND FUNERAL HOME, 27 Main Street, Elgin** on Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Service in our Chapel on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Spring Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

SANDERS, Richard Joseph - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, March 17, 2007, at the age of 65.

Dear father of Marlene Sanders (Blair Cooper) of Eagle Lake, Chris (Alberta) of Peterborough, Sharon (Roy Barrick) of Thompson, Manitoba and loving grampa of Melissa, Jenny (Les), Samantha, Joshua, James, Steven and great grampa of Tanisha.

Lovingly remembered by Sheila Bryant, by brothers William (Jean), Wesley (Gwen), Donald, by sisters Verna (Don Wallace), Dorothy Nicholson, predeceased by his parents Gladys and Joseph Sanders, and by his brother Robert. Also fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Stanhope Community Centre on Friday evening, March 30, 2007 for a time to gather, reflect, dance and Celebrate the Life of Richard starting at 7:00 pm Refreshments will be available. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family

Arrangements entrusted to the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 1-705-286-2181 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

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McKAY, PERRIN Doreen - In loving memory of a loving wife who passed away March 30, 2006.

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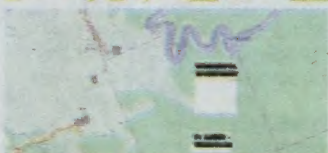


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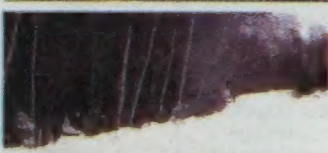


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